

REMARKS

This amendment is to supplement the amendment filed on September 12, 2005. In this amendment, claims 1-6, 8, 9-11, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 12 and 15 have been canceled. New claim 16 has been added. Examination of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Counsel for the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview of October 20, 2005. In that interview, counsel identified at least three distinguishing features of the present invention. The first relates to the ability of the enterprise server to determine which card issuance component to use in order to produce the card. This determination is based at least in part on the type of card, e.g., credit, debit, ATM, etc. Such a feature is claimed in independent claim 1.

A second feature is the use of different queues into which the issuance requests may be placed. One of these is a card issuance component queue from which the production data is sent to the production controller to produce the card when the card producing machine is ready. Another queue is the production queue where the card will be produced at a later time. When the cards in the production queue are ready to be produced, they may be moved into one of the card issuance component queues. Such features are included in claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 14 and 16.

A third feature relates to the evaluation of a card issuance request using a rules set in order to determine where the request should be stored. The rules set may evaluate the request based at least in part on the type of card and the location where the request originated. Claims which relate to this feature include independent claim 11 and dependent claim 13 as well as new claim 16.

Since such features are not described in the cited art, these claims should be distinguishable for at least these additional reasons.

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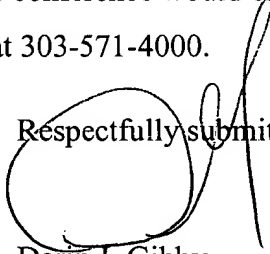
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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